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GROCCERS AND MEAT MEN DECIDE EARLY CLOSING.

Early closing and measures for regulating losses by bad debts were discussed and acted upon at a meeting of grocers and meat handlers at the court house Monday night.

Mr. Fred Weckesser, of the Busy Bee Cash Store, presided and stated the objects of the meeting, dwelling chiefly on the benefits to be derived from early closing, and the need of concerted action by the merchants for protection against those who were uncertain in their payments of accounts.

At the conclusion of the address by Mr. Weckesser a committee composed of Messrs. Carl Wilmoth, A. J. Skillman and L. R. Bramblette was appointed to circulate a petition among the grocers and meat men for early closing. This committee will make its report at a meeting to be held at the same place and time next Monday night. A committee on by-laws and a name for the organization will also be appointed at this meeting.

As a result of the meeting it is probable that the grocers and meat merchants will agree to close their places of business, beginning August 1, at seven o'clock through the week and at eleven o'clock on Saturday nights.

An invitation was extended at the meeting to all the grocers and meat handlers throughout the county to become members of the organization and to attend all future meetings.

SEND IN NAMES OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

THE NEWS wants for publication and for filing in its historical department the name of every Bourbon county boy, or every transplanted Bourbon county boy who is a member of the land or sea fighting forces of the United States. Besides the name, the following information is desired: Name of parents; their place of residence, (if living); his age; date of enlistment, name of company and regiment or other organization to which he is assigned.

A large number of boys from this city and county are now in the Federal and State military service, and THE NEWS wants to print their names on a roll of honor which it will compile for future reference. Promptness in sending in these names will be duly appreciated.

FUND TO TEACH ILLITERATE REGISTRANTS

Bourbon county, which has eighty-six white and sixty-seven colored illiterate registrants liable for military duty, will be called upon soon to raise a certain proportion of a fund of \$30,000, for which the Kentucky Illiteracy Commission is campaigning to teach all soldiers to read and write before the men are called to the colors or go to the cantonment at Louisville. J. W. Porter, of Lexington, is commander of the Seventh District. The district contains 1,773 illiterates liable to military service, according to the registration, and the district is asked to raise \$3,000 of the fund. The fact that the first draft is expected speedily to be followed by a second and, maybe, by a third and fourth before another twelve months makes it all the more important to give instructions to all those registered as not being able to read and write.

TWO INJURED WHEN AUTOMOBILE SKIDS.

An automobile in which Mr. O. L. Frye, optician and jeweler, and Mr. J. W. Brown, of the Brown Music Co., were riding skidded on the wet street on Main, near Nineteenth street yesterday afternoon, and, striking the interurban tracks, turned turtle. The occupants were thrown out, sustaining severe bruises, but no bones were broken. They were removed to their homes, where they were given medical attention. The machine was badly damaged.

SOON TO BE OFFICERS.

The Officers' Reserve Training Camp at Ft. Benj. Harrison, Indiana, will be over by August 15, and it is reported from Washington that the students will be advised before that date of their acceptance. Those who are not commissioned will be sent home and instructed to await the draft or further orders.

Reuben Hutchcraft and Hugh Campbell, of Paris, and William Collins, of North Middletown, are undergoing intensive training at Ft. Benj. Harrison, and friends here are confident that they will receive commissions in Uncle Sam's new National army.

RED CROSS SEWING.

The Red Cross sewing room at the corner of Main and Third streets will be occupied to-day by the members of the Emma Johnson Chapter, D. A. R. The work will begin at nine o'clock. All the members are requested to be present.

PARIS YOUTH RESCUES DROWNING COMPANION.

It is getting to be quite the thing now for a Paris boy to prove himself a "hero" in rescuing drowning companions. Several instances of the kind have been chronicled lately.

The latest addition to the list is that of Forest Letton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Letton, of Paris, who, in spite of handicaps and adverse conditions, rescued a young man named Warriener, of Madison county, from death by drowning in the Kentucky River at Boonesboro last Sunday.

Young Warriener and another companion had been in bathing. Both were good swimmers, but Warriener was caught in the middle of the stream, by the current, which is very strong at that point, and was in danger of drowning when Letton swam to his rescue and brought him in safely to the shore. Warriener was unconscious for an hour before he could be restored. Witnesses assert that but for the prompt action of Letton, Warriener would surely have gone into a watery grave. They say that the rescue was all the more remarkable from the fact that Letton had been in the water for some time and was rather weak when he started after the drowning lad, but pluckily kept at it and brought him in.

Things were rather lively at Boonesboro beach Sunday. Four Mt. Sterling boys became involved in an altercation with the proprietor of a soft drink stand, a free-for-all fight following, in which the four boys came out second best. There was a number of automobile accidents of a minor nature and the gaiety of the afternoon was further heightened by the near-escape of several other parties from serious accidents by colliding machines. In rounding the curve on the river road at the top of the hill two machines collided, but no serious damage was done either.

THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S RACE.

Editor BOURBON NEWS:

Mr. J. B. Caywood, candidate for County Superintendent of Schools, publishes a letter from the Attorney General of Kentucky to the effect that a candidate for Superintendent may, if he chooses, wait until after the primary to obtain his certificate of qualification. This publication is intended as an answer to the statements circulated throughout the county and used as the chief argument against him that he is educationally unqualified to fill the office and unable to stand the examination required to get a certificate.

Those statements have been discussed so long and so generally that they have long been known to Mr. Caywood and his supporters. If he could stand the examination, therefore, was it not incumbent upon him to get his certificate both as an answer to those statements which so seriously affect his candidacy, and as a guarantee to the voters who are asked to support him that he will be able to qualify if elected?

Is not his published answer really a plea in confession?

(adv. 1t) S. W. H.

TO JOIN HOSPITAL UNIT.

Base Hospital Unit No. 40, recently organized in Lexington by Dr. David Barrow, has received six new recruits from Paris and the county, Messrs. Douglas Clay, Alvin Thompson, Charlie Spears, Felix Renick, Ireland Davis and Dr. Milton J. Stern.

The new recruits were ordered to report at Lexington, yesterday for examination. If successful they will be accepted and assigned to various duties in the field hospital work which will be undertaken by the unit when it reaches the front in France sometime next fall.

These young men will make excellent workers in the hospital service. They will have as traveling companions from Bourbon when the unit sails in October many from other sections of Central Kentucky.

These young men will be notified within the next few weeks whether or not they have been accepted.

Those in charge of the unit expect to have everything in readiness for service by October, although they may not see active service before the coming of spring. The Bourbon boys will probably be assigned to duty as orderlies and ambulance drivers, branches for which they are especially fitted by previous experience in motor car work. They will be given a training lasting six weeks before they get into actual service.

Supplies which have been manufactured at the Red Cross sewing rooms in Paris will form part of the equipment of Dr. Barrow's hospital unit.

REAL ESTATE DEALS.

Mrs. Elizabeth Shine purchased Tuesday of Miller & Lileston, through the real estate agency of Harris & Speakes, a building lot in the old Fair Grounds Addition to Paris at a private price.

FAVORABLY MENTIONED AS MR. ANDERSON'S SUCCESSOR.

Since the recent tragic death of Mr. W. H. Anderson, Superintendent of this division of the Louisville & Nashville railroad, the interest of railroad men and the public generally has naturally turned to his possible successor in that responsible position.

The two names that have been most frequently and most favorably mentioned in that connection are those of Mr. John A. Bower and Mr. James G. Metcalf, both highly esteemed and well-known by the traveling public and by the railroad people.

Mr. Bower began his railroad career as a telegraph operator in the Danville office of the Queen & Crescent road. His rise has been rapid and merited in the past fifteen years, most of which he has spent in the service of the L. & N. at this point. Mr. Bower has been Chief Clerk under Mr. Anderson for many years and knows every angle of the railroad game.

Mr. Metcalf is a son of Mr. Jas. G. Metcalf, former General Manager of the Louisville & Nashville road, and is a thoroughly experienced man, having been brought up in the work under the careful tutelage of his father. Mr. Metcalf is at present Master of Trains on this division, and is well thought of by Paris people.

Railroad men whom THE NEWS approached on the subject were non-committal stating that it was a matter in which they would have no choice. Some were of the opinion that the new Superintendent would be selected from one of the older branches of the service, and that no matter who it would be they hoped the men higher up would first give careful consideration to "home talent."

ROBERTSON ASSEMBLY.

The Robertson County Christian Assembly, one of the fixed religious events of that section of the State, will be held at Mt. Olivet, August 17-26. The Penn Grove Camp Grounds are especially suited for occasions of this kind, and those who have the Assembly in charge are doing all they can to make it a success. The manager, Mr. N. T. McConnell, was in Paris several days this week, in consultation with church workers in regard to attendance from this section.

Several fine speakers are on the program. One of the best is W. H. Book, of Columbus, Indiana, well and favorably known in the religious world.

AMERICA IN THE WAR 1917

- Feb. 3.—Germany's Ambassador dismissed.
- April 2.—President Wilson asked Congress to declare that "a state of war exists."
- April 6.—Congress declared a state of war against the German empire.
- May 2.—Two billion dollar "Liberty loan" offered for subscription.
- May 9.—Stars and stripes carried in Paris by American field service detachment.
- May 16.—Conscription act became a law.
- May 16.—Squadron of American destroyers arrived in Irish waters on patrol duty.
- May 18.—American troops ordered to France.
- May 25.—American flag under fire in France.
- May 28.—Rear Admiral Sims, U. S. N., promoted to vice admiral and given command of American naval operations in Europe.
- June 5.—Conscription registration. Nearly 10,000,000 men between twenty-one and thirty-one years of age registered.
- June 7.—Major General J. J. Pershing, U. S. A., reached England as commander of the American expeditionary army.
- June 13.—American troops sailed for France.
- June 22.—U-boats attacked the American transport fleet.
- June 27.—American troops landed in France and were assigned to General Sibert's camp.
- July 16.—National guard mobilized for service in Europe.
- July 20.—Draft of first army of 687 men and fixing of order in which remainder of 9,000,000 registrants may be called.

TO-MORROW

We will sell straw hats at half-price.

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PARIS BOY IN MT. STERLING ORCHESTRA.

Mr. Harold Wollstein, an accomplished musician, and a member of the Paris Military Band, is playing with the orchestra at the Tabb Theatre, in Mt. Sterling.

HUNDREDS OF GALLONS OF BERRIES GOING TO WASTE.

Under the caption, "Blackberries For Everybody," a writer in the Winchester Daily Sun thus laments the fact that hundreds of bushels of luscious blackberries are actually going to waste in the mountainous districts:

"Sobs come to the heart and tears to the eyes of the writer when he beholds the millions upon millions of the finest kind of blackberries that are going to waste in the mountain districts of Kentucky. The natives say that it does not pay to pick them, as they can get only ten cents per gallon for them, and not very much demand for them at that price."

"They are free to everybody for the picking, and such delicious, wholesome food should not be allowed to go to loss in such enormous quantities. They can be found from almost any point from Indian Fields, in Clark county, to Maloney, in Lee county, along the line of the L. & E. When there are so many automobiles in town would it not be a good plan to have a few blackberry parties? It would be a healthful exercise and profitable in getting the berries. Don't let the berries go to waste and then complain about the high cost of living."

Then after you have found a cheap and convenient means of having the luscious fruit picked and brought to the market, the inevitable will happen. The money-lust will seize upon you, and away will go the prices just as others have boomed them before you. It's the way of the world. But let's hope something will happen to break the grasp of the "blackberry trust" upon the poor man's desert. Please pass the cobbler!"

MAY YET VOLUNTEER.

Any one of the 9,700,000 young men who were drawn for army service may yet enlist in the regular army, the national guard, the navy or the marine corps and automatically pass from the list of conscription persons.

This right will pass for the individual the minute he receives official notice from his local board to present himself for examination.

If he volunteers before getting this notice he can pick his branch. If he is taken under the selective draft he will be assigned to any branch the government designates, without his assent.

Brigadier General Crowder, provost marshal general, officially announced this privilege.

"AREN'T THOSE LARGE POTATOES?"

Ten potatoes with a total weight of eight pounds, constitute one claim of Mr. Gus Christman, of near Paris, to the title of champion gardener. The potatoes, which are of a well-known variety, were grown on Mr. Christman's farm on the Clintonville pike. They have large soulful eyes that gaze upon those who view them as if meditating the problem of how far a hundred acres of eight-pound tubers would go in the nation-wide conservation of food program. A local statistician estimated that at the present market price of potatoes each of the ten Christman products would be worth 3 1-3 cents.

The potatoes are on exhibition in the agricultural department of the Kentuckian-Citizen. Wayne Cottingham is suspected of using them for paper weights when no one is watching.

UNION SERVICES SUNDAY.

At the Union meeting of all the Protestant churches of Paris, to be held at the Christian church next Sunday night, July 29, at 7:30 o'clock, Rev. Dr. O. R. Mangum, pastor of the Paris Baptist church, will deliver the closing sermon of his pastorate of that church.

Services will be conducted by the City Union of Young Peoples' Societies at 6:30 o'clock, Sunday night, in the Endeavor room of the Christian church. The program will be in charge of the Epworth League of the Methodist church.

Union services will continue all through the month of August. The complete schedule will appear in THE NEWS.

Rev. Mangum's subject at the Union meeting will be "God's Tomorrow or Watchman, What of The Night?"

CARLISLE BOY KILLED "SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE."

Word has been received by relatives in Carlisle that Firman Andrews, aged about 24 years, a Nicholas county boy, has been killed somewhere in France. Young Andrews joined a Canadian regiment some time within the past year and left immediately for the war zone. There were no particulars accompanying the dispatch received. Young Andrews was a son of Pat Andrews, of Nicholas county. For some years he had made his home with Ben Dotson, at Bald Hill, also with Howard Ogden, in Carlisle.

MASTER LIST FOR EXEMPTION

Sheriff W. F. Talbott was asked yesterday by a NEWS man in regard to the masterlist of names of drafted men which is to be sent the Bourbon County Board of Exemption. Mr. Talbott informed us that the list had not yet been received, and the probability was that it would be one or two days yet, as there was a big lot of work to be done on it at Frankfort before it would be ready to be sent to the Boards.

"The local Board is patiently awaiting the list," said Mr. Talbott, "and as soon as we receive it from the Governor's office we will check it up properly and post it in the office of the Board. We will then proceed to mail out official notices to the first 278 men on the list, informing them that they must appear for physical examination. If they properly pass the test and physical examination the matter of exemption will then be taken up."

News reports from Washington state that the lists have been mailed from there. They must go first to the Governor's office, and then be forwarded to the county and district authorities.

County Clerk Pearce Paton, a member of the Board of Exemption, stated yesterday that he had had a number of requests for information on the subject of exemptions. "The Board can pass only on cases of physical disability and dependent relatives," said Mr. Paton, "but if the man drafted is not satisfied with the action of the local Board he can appeal to the district Board for a reversal. They do not anticipate any trouble on the physical examinations, which will be held first, but many of those who will claim freedom from service on the ground of dependent relatives will have a hard time unless they can prove clearly that these dependents would actually suffer by the loss of the earnings of the drafted man."

BATHERS WARNED OF LURKING DANGER.

For several weeks bathers have been visiting Stoner Creek in the rear of the old Base Ball Park, all unknowingly exposing themselves to the danger, lurking and unseen, but still present, of contracting disease because of the contaminated waters.

In an interview yesterday with Dr. A. H. Keller, Health Officer, THE NEWS was asked to strongly advise the cessation of bathing at that point as the creek is the dumping ground for all the sewage from the western part of Paris, and is full of disease germs. He stated that he had been trying for the past two years to create a sentiment against bathing in that vicinity, and that now it might become necessary to resort to official interference.

Dr. Keller further stated that as a matter of fact, every person bathing or swimming in unenclosed or open waters, at times gets more or less water in their mouths. From this can be judged the danger persons are exposed to in bathing in that part of Stoner Creek. He strongly advises the bathers to seek a cleaner and more sanitary place.

OIL BRINGS RAIN.

City employees were out with the big oil-spreading tank wagon Wednesday afternoon, with the usual result. The best rain of the summer season, and a much-needed one, fell for two hours, doing a great good to gardens and growing crops.

The Montgomery county fair began Wednesday, which is another good rain-maker. But for absolute reliability you can depend on the rain when oil is about to be spread on the streets.

In this connection, the Flemingsburg Times-Democrat says: "The work of oiling our streets began Friday and a light shower fell about noon, though not enough to do any damage, but on Saturday morning a heavy shower fell, washing off a good deal of the oil which had not had time to 'set.' It looks as if the oil draws rain every time."

THREE ATTEMPTS MADE TO WRECK L. & N. TRAINS.

Three attempts have been made in the last few nights to wreck L. & N. trains between Sebree and Slaughter. Heavy iron bars were placed on the track one night and freight train No. 58 ran into them. Twice since obstructions have been found on the track near the same place, on sharp curves by track walkers. The track is now being patrolled day and night and special agents of the company are working on the case.

SELLS PARIS PROPERTY.

Mr. Thomas Roberts has sold to Mr. J. T. Tucker, of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. the home on Fifteenth street which he recently purchased from Mr. T. C. Livingston, at an advance of \$250 over the original purchase price. Mr. Tucker will move to the property.

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